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VIENNA FOR USIAEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: IAEA TECH MNUC PARM VE US  
SUBJECT: NUCLEAR FUEL FOR VENEZUELA RESEARCH REACTOR

REF: (A) VIENNA 4700 (B) VIENNA 4643 (C) CARACAS 4644

1. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS REQUEST BY THE US MISSION  
TO THE IAEA FOR USG VIEWS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR THE  
SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FOR THE VENEZUELAN REACTOR TO AVOID,  
IF POSSIBLE, PLACING THE US IN THE POSITION OF HOLDING  
UP THE SUPPLY OF THIS FUEL (REF A). STATEMENT BY THE  
IAEA LINKING THE DEALY IN US APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLY  
AGREEMENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NUCLEAR NON-  
PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978 (PARA 2 OF REF B), PERMITS FOCUS  
FOR THE DELAY IN OBTAINING THE FUEL TO BE SHIFTED TO THE  
US AND AWAY FROM THE GOV'S OWN FAILURE SO FAR TO  
CONCLUDE ITS NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. IN A CONVERSATION  
MAY 23 WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER, ADMIRAL TABORDA OF CONAN  
OBSERVED THAT IF THE RESUPPLY OF FUEL FOR RESEARCH  
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REACTOR IS NOT OBTAINED "IN TIME", THE BLAME WILL REST IN  
WASHINGTON, SINCE HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE IAWA THAT THE  
US HAS NOT YET APPROVED THE SUPPLY AGREEMENT.

2. AS REPORTED IN REF C, PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS INSTRUCTED THAT THE  
NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT BE CONCLUDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
WE ASSUME THE GOV DELEGATION WHICH WAS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS

MAY 29 IS ACTING UNDER THESE INSTRUCTIONS, THUS PRESENTING A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT THE SAFEGUARDS ISSUE MAY BE RESOLVED QUICKLY. PARAS TERCIO AND CUARTO OF THE IAEA'S CABLE TO TABORDA (REF B), TAKEN TOGETHER, MAY ALSO BE READ TO MEAN THAT THE DELAY IN USG APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT SUPPLY AGREEMENT RELATES TO VENEZUELA'S FAILURE TO SIGN THE NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NON PROLIFERATION ACT.

3. IF THE NPT ISSUE IS IN FACT THE PROBLEM AND IF IT IS NOT RESOLVED SOON, WE BELIEVE THE USG SHOULD ADVISE THE GOV DIRECTLY RATHER THAN HAVING THE IAEA DO SO. IF IT IS NOT THE REASON FOR THE DELAY, WE SHOULD MOVE AHEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE ISSUE OF THE DRAFT SUPPLY AGREEMENT, PROPOSING SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THE DRAFT IF NECESSARY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION ACT, AND LEAVE IT TO THE IAEA TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT WISHES TO HOLD UP IAEA APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT PENDING GOV CONCLUSION OF THE NPT. AGREEMENT.

4. FOR VIENNA: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE ON PROGRESS OF VENEZUELA'S NPT SAFEGUARDS NEGOTIATIONS.

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